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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to human services involving mental health
- 2 and disability services and children's services, making
- 3 appropriations, and including effective dates.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1	DIVISION I
2	SYSTEM REDESIGN — IMPLEMENTATION
3	REGIONAL FORMATION REQUIREMENTS
4	Section 1. Section 331.389, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
5	2013, is amended to read as follows:
6	a. The counties comprising the region are contiguous except
7	that a region may include a county that is not contiguous with
8	any of the other counties in the region, if the county that is
9	not contiguous has had a formal relationship for two years or
10	longer with one or more of the other counties in the region for
11	the provision of mental health and disability services.
12	ELIGIBILITY MAINTENANCE
13	Sec. 2. Section 331.396, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
14	by adding the following new paragraph:
15	NEW PARAGRAPH. Od. Notwithstanding paragraphs " a " through
16	c^{*} , the person is an adult or child who received mental health
17	services from a county in accordance with the county's service
18	management plan approved under section 331.439, Code 2013.
19	Sec. 3. Section 331.396, subsection 2, Code 2013, is amended
20	by adding the following new paragraph:
21	NEW PARAGRAPH. Od . Notwithstanding paragraphs " a " through
22	c^{*} , the person is an adult or child who received intellectual
23	disability services from a county in accordance with the
24	county's service management plan approved in accordance with
25	section 331.439, Code 2013.
26	Sec. 4. Section 331.397, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
27	2013, is amended to read as follows:
28	b. Until funding is designated for other service
29	populations, eligibility for the service domains listed in this
30	section shall be limited to such persons who are in need of
31	mental health or intellectual disability services. However, if
32	a county in a region was providing services to an individual
33	child or to an individual adult person with a developmental
34	disability other than intellectual disability or a brain injury
35	prior to formation of the region, the individual child or adult

l person shall remain eligible for the services provided when the

- 2 region is formed, provided that funds are available to continue
- 3 such services.
- 4 STATE PAYMENTS TO REGION
- 5 Sec. 5. Section 426B.3, subsection 4, as enacted by 2012
- 6 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, section 137, is amended to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 4. a. For the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013, and
- 9 July 1, 2014, a county with a county population expenditure
- 10 target amount that exceeds the amount of the county's base year
- ll expenditures for mental health and disabilities services shall
- 12 receive an equalization payment for the difference.
- 13 b. The equalization payments determined in accordance
- 14 with this subsection shall be made by the department of human
- 15 services for each fiscal year as provided in appropriations
- 16 made from the property tax relief fund for this purpose. If
- 17 the county is part of a region that has been approved by the
- 18 department in accordance with section 331.389, to commence
- 19 partial or full operations, the county's equalization payment
- 20 shall be remitted to the region for expenditure as approved by
- 21 the region's governing board.
- 22 STRATEGIC PLAN REQUIREMENT FOR FY 2013-2014
- 23 Sec. 6. 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1128, section 8, is amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 SEC. 8. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION
- 26 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- 27 SERVICES MANAGEMENT PLAN STRATEGIC PLAN. Notwithstanding
- 28 section 331.439, subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (3),
- 29 counties are not required to submit a three-year strategic
- 30 plan by April 1, 2012, to the department of human services. A
- 31 county's strategic plan in effect as of the effective date of
- 32 this section shall remain in effect until the regional service
- 33 system management plan for the region to which the county
- 34 belongs is approved in accordance with section 331.393, subject
- 35 to modification before that date as necessary to conform with

- 1 statutory changes affecting the plan and any amendments to the
- 2 plan that are adopted in accordance with law.
- 3 TRANSITION FUND SERVICES MAINTENANCE
- 4 Sec. 7. TRANSITION FUND SERVICES MAINTENANCE. A county
- 5 receiving an allocation of funding from the mental health
- 6 and disability services redesign transition fund created in
- 7 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, section 23, shall utilize the
- 8 allocation so that the services available to an individual
- 9 child or other individual person in accordance with the
- 10 county's approved service management plan in effect as of
- 11 June 30, 2012, remain in place provided the child or other
- 12 person continues to comply with the eligibility requirements
- 13 applicable under the plan as of that date.
- 14 REDESIGN EQUALIZATION PAYMENT APPROPRIATION
- 15 Sec. 8. MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES —
- 16 EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION.
- 17 l. There is transferred from the general fund of the
- 18 state to the department of human services for the fiscal year
- 19 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the following
- 20 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
- 21 purposes designated:
- 22 For deposit in the property tax relief fund created in
- 23 section 426B.1, for distribution as provided in this section:
- 24 \$ 29,820,478
- 25 2. The moneys credited to the property tax relief fund in
- 26 accordance with this section are appropriated to the department
- 27 of human services for distribution of equalization payments for
- 28 counties in the amounts specified in section 426B.3, subsection
- 29 4, as enacted by 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, section 137,
- 30 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. If the county is
- 31 part of a region that has been approved by the department in
- 32 accordance with section 331.389, to commence partial or full
- 33 operations, the county's equalization payment shall be remitted
- 34 to the region for expenditure as approved by the region's
- 35 governing board. The payments shall be remitted on or before

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MEDICAID OBLIGATION COST SETTLEMENT 2 3 COUNTY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NONFEDERAL SHARE -4 COST SETTLEMENT. Any county obligation for payment to the 5 department of human services of the nonfederal share of 6 the cost of services provided under the medical assistance 7 program prior to July 1, 2012, pursuant to sections 249A.12 8 and 249A.26, shall remain at the amount billed through the 9 period ending June 30, 2013. It is further intended that the 10 department of human services will determine the financial 11 need of counties as necessary to minimize the effects of the 12 change in determining the financial responsibility for such 13 services based on legal settlement to residency. It is further 14 intended that the final monthly billings for the obligations 15 shall be remitted to counties on or before August 1, 2013. 16 Any adjustments to the final amounts billed for such services 17 that occur on or after July 1, 2013, shall be applied to the 18 appropriation made to the department of human services from the 19 general fund of the state for the medical assistance program. 20 TRANSITION FROM LEGAL SETTLEMENT TO RESIDENCY 21 Sec. 10. MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY REGIONAL SERVICES 22 FUND — FY 2013-2014. It is the intent of the general assembly 23 that moneys credited to the mental health and disability 24 regional services fund created in 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, 25 section 9, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, will 26 be used to pay the costs of county or regionally administered 27 non-Medicaid mental health and disability services. 28 further intended that the department of human services will 29 determine the financial need of counties as necessary to 30 minimize the effects of the change in determining the financial 31 responsibility for such services based on legal settlement 32 to residency. It is further intended that if the county of 33 residence is part of a region that has been approved by the 34 department in accordance with section 331.389, to commence 35 partial or full operations, the moneys addressed by this

- 1 section will be remitted to the region for expenditure as
- 2 approved by the region's governing board.
- 3 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of this
- 4 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
- 5 enactment.
- 6 DIVISION II
- 7 DATA AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE
- 8 MEASURES
- 9 Sec. 12. Section 225C.4, subsection 1, paragraph j, Code
- 10 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 j. Establish and maintain a data collection and management
- 12 information system oriented to the needs of patients,
- 13 providers, the department, and other programs or facilities in
- 14 accordance with section 225C.6A. The system shall be used to
- 15 identify, collect, and analyze service outcome and performance
- 16 measures data in order to assess the effects of the services on
- 17 the persons utilizing the services. The administrator shall
- 18 annually submit to the commission information collected by the
- 19 department indicating the changes and trends in the disability
- 20 services system. The administrator shall make the outcome data
- 21 available to the public.
- Sec. 13. Section 225C.6A, Code 2013, is amended to read as
- 23 follows:
- 24 225C.6A Disability services system redesign central data
- 25 repository.
- 26 1. The commission department shall do the following
- 27 relating to redesign of data concerning the disability services
- 28 system in the state:
- 29 1. Identify sources of revenue to support statewide
- 30 delivery of core disability services to eligible disability
- 31 populations.
- 32 2. Ensure there is a continuous improvement process for
- 33 development and maintenance of the disability services system
- 34 for adults and children. The process shall include but is not
- 35 limited to data collection and reporting provisions.

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- 1 3. a. Plan, collect, and analyze data as necessary to
- 2 issue cost estimates for serving additional populations and
- 3 providing core disability services statewide. The department
- 4 shall maintain compliance with applicable federal and state
- 5 privacy laws to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of
- 6 individually identifiable disability services data. The
- 7 department shall regularly may periodically assess the status
- 8 of the compliance in order to assure that data security is
- 9 protected.
- 10 b. In implementing Implement a system central data
- ll repository under this subsection section for collecting and
- 12 analyzing state, county and region, and private contractor
- 13 data, the. The department shall establish a client identifier
- 14 for the individuals receiving services. The client identifier
- 15 shall be used in lieu of the individual's name or social
- 16 security number. The client identifier shall consist of the
- 17 last four digits of an individual's social security number,
- 18 the first three letters of the individual's last name, the
- 19 individual's date of birth, and the individual's gender in an
- 20 order determined by the department.
- 21 c. Consult on an ongoing basis with regional administrators,
- 22 service providers, and other stakeholders in implementing the
- 23 central data repository and operations of the repository. The
- 24 consultation shall focus on minimizing the state and local
- 25 costs associated with operating the repository.
- 26 d. Engage with other state and local government and
- 27 nongovernmental entities operating the Iowa health information
- 28 network under chapter 135 and other data systems that maintain
- 29 information relating to individuals with information in the
- 30 central data repository in order to integrate data concerning
- 31 individuals.
- 32 e. A county or region shall not be required to utilize a
- 33 uniform data operational or transactional system. However, the
- 34 system utilized shall have the capacity to exchange information
- 35 with the department, counties and regions, contractors, and

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- 1 others involved with services to persons with a disability
- 2 who have authorized access to the central data repository.
- 3 The information exchanged shall be labeled consistently
- 4 and share the same definitions. Each county regional
- 5 administrator shall regularly report to the department annually
- 6 on or before December 1, for the preceding fiscal year the
- 7 following information for each individual served: demographic
- 8 information, expenditure data, and data concerning the services
- 9 and other support provided to each individual, as specified
- 10 in administrative rule adopted by the commission by the
- 11 department.
- 12 4. Work with county representatives and other qualified
- 13 persons to develop an implementation plan for replacing the
- 14 county of legal settlement approach to determining service
- 15 system funding responsibilities with an approach based upon
- 16 residency. The plan shall address a statewide standard for
- 17 proof of residency, outline a plan for establishing a data
- 18 system for identifying residency of eligible individuals,
- 19 address residency issues for individuals who began residing in
- 20 a county due to a court order or criminal sentence or to obtain
- 21 services in that county, recommend an approach for contesting
- 22 a residency determination, and address other implementation
- 23 issues.
- 3. The outcome and performance measures applied to the
- 25 regional disability services system shall utilize measurement
- 26 domains. The department may identify other measurement domains
- 27 in consultation with system stakeholders to be utilized in
- 28 addition to the following initial set of measurement domains:
- 29 a. Access to services.
- 30 b. Life in the community.
- 31 c. Person-centeredness.
- 32 d. Health and wellness.
- 33 e. Quality of life and safety.
- 34 f. Family and natural supports.
- 35 4. a. The processes used for collecting outcome and

- 1 performance measures data shall include but are not limited
- 2 to direct surveys of the individuals and families receiving
- 3 services and the providers of the services. The department
- 4 shall involve a workgroup of persons who are knowledgeable
- 5 about both the regional service system and survey techniques
- 6 to implement and maintain the processes. The workgroup shall
- 7 conduct an ongoing evaluation for the purpose of eliminating
- 8 the collection of information that is not utilized. The
- 9 surveys shall be conducted with a conflict-free approach in
- 10 which someone other than a provider of services surveys an
- ll individual receiving the services.
- 12 b. The outcome and performance measures data shall encompass
- 13 and provide a means to evaluate both the regional services and
- 14 the services funded by the medical assistance program provided
- 15 to the same service populations.
- 16 c. The department shall develop and implement an
- 17 internet-based approach with graphical display of information
- 18 to provide outcome and performance measures data to the public
- 19 and those engaged with the regional service system.
- 20 d. The department shall include any significant costs for
- 21 collecting and interpreting outcome and performance measures
- 22 and other data in the department's operating budget.
- 23 Sec. 14. REPEAL. The amendment to section 225C.4,
- 24 subsection 1, paragraph j, in 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120,
- 25 section 2, is repealed.
- 26 Sec. 15. REPEAL. The amendments to section 225C.6A, in 2012
- 27 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120, sections 6, 7, and 95, are repealed.
- 28 DIVISION III
- 29 CHILDREN'S CABINET
- 30 Sec. 16. NEW SECTION. 242.1 Findings.
- 31 The general assembly finds there is a need for a state-level
- 32 children's cabinet to provide quidance, oversight, problem
- 33 solving, long-term strategy development, and collaboration
- 34 among the state and local efforts to build a comprehensive,
- 35 coordinated system to promote the well-being of the children

- 1 in this state and to address the needs of children for mental
- 2 health treatment and other specialized services.
- 3 Sec. 17. NEW SECTION. 242.2 Children's cabinet established.
- 4 There is established within the department of human services
- 5 a children's cabinet.
- 6 l. The voting members of the children's cabinet shall
- 7 consist of the following:
- 8 a. The director of the department of education or the
- 9 director's designee.
- 10 b. The director of the department of human services or the
- 11 director's designee. This member shall be chairperson of the
- 12 cabinet.
- c. The director of the department of public health or the
- 14 director's designee.
- 15 d. A parent of a child with a severe emotional disturbance
- 16 or a disability who is the primary caregiver for that child,
- 17 appointed by the governor.
- 18 e. A juvenile court judge or juvenile court officer
- 19 appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.
- 20 f. A community-based provider of child welfare, health,
- 21 or juvenile justice services to children, appointed by the
- 22 director of human services.
- 23 q. A member of the early childhood Iowa state board,
- 24 appointed by the state board.
- 25 h. A community stakeholder who is not affiliated with a
- 26 provider of services, appointed by the governor.
- 27 i. Not more than three other members designated by
- 28 the cabinet chairperson to ensure adequate representation
- 29 of the persons and interests who may be affected by the
- 30 recommendations made by the cabinet.
- 31 2. In addition to the voting members, there shall be four ex
- 32 officio, nonvoting members of the children's cabinet. These
- 33 members shall be two state representatives, one appointed by
- 34 the speaker of the house of representatives and one by the
- 35 minority leader of the house of representatives, and two state

- 1 senators, one appointed by the majority leader of the senate
- 2 and one by the minority leader of the senate.
- 3 3. a. The voting members, other than department directors
- 4 and their designees, shall be appointed for four-year terms.
- 5 The terms of such members begin on May 1 in the year of
- 6 appointment and expire on April 30 in the year of expiration.
- 7 b. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original
- 8 appointments. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired
- 9 term.
- 10 c. The voting members shall receive actual and necessary
- ll expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and
- 12 legislative members shall be compensated as provided in section
- 13 2.32A.
- 4. Staffing services for the children's cabinet shall be
- 15 provided by the department of human services.
- 16 Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. 242.3 Duties.
- 17 The children's cabinet shall perform the following duties to
- 18 address the needs of children and families in this state:
- 19 1. Recommend operating provisions for health homes for
- 20 children implemented by the department of human services. The
- 21 provisions shall include but are not limited to all of the
- 22 following:
- 23 a. Identification of quality expectations.
- 24 b. Identification of performance criteria.
- 25 c. Provisions for monitoring the implementation of
- 26 specialized health homes.
- 27 2. Gather information and improve the understanding of
- 28 policymakers and the public of how the various service systems
- 29 intended to meet the needs of children and families operate at
- 30 the local level.
- 31 3. Address areas of overlap, gaps, and conflict between
- 32 service systems.
- 33 4. Support the evolution of service systems in implementing
- 34 new services and enhancing existing services to address the
- 35 needs of children and families through process improvement

- 1 methodologies.
- 2 5. Assist policymakers and service system users in
- 3 understanding and effectively managing system costs.
- Ensure services offered are evidence-based.
- 5 7. Issue guidelines to enable the services and other support
- 6 which is provided by or under the control of state entities and
- 7 delivered at the local level to have sufficient flexibility to
- 8 engage local resources and meet unique needs of children and
- 9 families.
- 10 8. Integrate efforts of policymakers and service providers
- 11 to improve the well-being of community members in addition to
- 12 children and families.
- 9. Implement strategies so that the children and families
- 14 engaged with the service systems avoid the need for higher
- 15 level services and other support.
- 16 10. Submit a report annually by December 15 to the governor,
- 17 general assembly, and supreme court providing findings and
- 18 recommendations and issue other reports as deemed necessary by
- 19 the cabinet.
- 20 Sec. 19. INITIAL TERMS. Notwithstanding section 242.2,
- 21 subsection 3, paragraph "a", as enacted by this division of
- 22 this Act, the appointing authorities for the members of the
- 23 children's cabinet created by this division of this Act who are
- 24 subject to terms of service shall be coordinated so that the
- 25 initial terms of approximately half of such members are two
- 26 years and the remainder are for four years and remain staggered
- 27 thereafter.
- 28 EXPLANATION
- 29 This bill relates to mental health and disability services
- 30 (MH/DS) administered by counties and the regions being formed
- 31 by counties to provide adult MH/DS that are not covered by the
- 32 medical assistance (Medicaid) program, children's services,
- 33 and makes appropriations. The bill addresses a portion of
- 34 the recommendations made to the mental health and disability
- 35 services redesign fiscal viability study committee by various

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- 1 committees and workgroups created or continued by the MH/DS
- 2 redesign legislation enacted in 2012 Iowa Acts, chapter 1120
- 3 (SF 2315) and chapter 1133 (SF 2336) and includes related
- 4 provisions. The bill is organized into divisions according to
- 5 the committee or workgroup that made the recommendations.
- 6 SYSTEM REDESIGN IMPLEMENTATION. The transition committee
- 7 was created by the department of human services (DHS) pursuant
- 8 to SF 2315, section 22, consisting of "appropriate stakeholders
- 9 with whom to consult on the transition from the current
- 10 mental health and disability services system to the regional
- 11 service system". This division addresses some system redesign
- 12 recommendations made by the transition committee and includes
- 13 related provisions.
- 14 Code section 331.389, relating to the criteria for county
- 15 agreements to form MH/DS regions, is amended to provide an
- 16 exception from the requirement that the counties comprising a
- 17 region must be contiquous. The exception allows a region to
- 18 include a county that is not contiguous with the other counties
- 19 in the region. The county that is not contiguous must have had
- 20 a formal relationship for two years or longer with one or more
- 21 of the other counties in the region for the provision of MH/DS.
- 22 Code section 331.396, relating to diagnosis and functional
- 23 assessment requirements for eligibility for the regional
- 24 service system, is amended to provide that a child or adult
- 25 person who received mental health or intellectual disability
- 26 services under an approved county management plan, remains
- 27 eligible under the regional system regardless of the financial
- 28 eligibility requirements, adult age requirement, and diagnosis
- 29 requirements for the regional system. The person's eligibility
- 30 for individualized services is subject to determination in
- 31 accordance with a functional assessment.
- 32 Code section 331.397, relating to the requirements
- 33 for regional core services, is amended to provide that
- 34 an individual child or individual adult person with a
- 35 developmental disability or a brain injury who was receiving

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- 1 services prior to formation of a region remains eligible for
- 2 the services after formation of the region, subject to the
- 3 availability of funding.
- 4 Code section 426B.3, as amended by SF 2315, relates to
- 5 eligibility for equalization payments from the state in fiscal
- 6 years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 for those counties with a base
- 7 year levy which is less than a target amount computed by
- 8 multiplying the county's general population times a statewide
- 9 per capita expenditure target amount of \$47.28. The bill
- 10 provides that if the county is part of a region approved by
- 11 DHS to commence partial or full operations, the county's
- 12 equalization payment is remitted to the region for expenditure
- 13 as approved by the region's governing board.
- 14 Under Code section 331.439, counties are required to submit
- 15 a three-year strategic plan for MH/DS and the latest plan was
- 16 due by April 1, 2012. In accordance with 2012 Iowa Acts,
- 17 chapter 1128, the strategic plan submission was not required
- 18 and the existing strategic plan remained in effect. The bill
- 19 provides that a county's strategic plan remains in effect,
- 20 unless modified pursuant to statute or amended by the county,
- 21 until it is replaced by approval of the regional service system
- 22 management plan for the region to which the county belongs.
- 23 If a county receives an allocation of funding from the mental
- 24 health and disability services redesign transition fund created
- 25 in SF 2315, the county is required to utilize the allocation
- 26 so that the services provided to an individual child or other
- 27 individual person receiving services in accordance with the
- 28 county's approved service management plan in effect as of
- 29 June 30, 2012, remain in place provided the child or other
- 30 person continues to comply with the eligibility requirements
- 31 applicable under the plan as of that date.
- 32 A transfer of approximately \$30 million is made from
- 33 the general fund of the state to DHS to be credited to the
- 34 property tax relief fund and is appropriated for DHS to make
- 35 equalization payments to eligible counties for FY 2013-2014.

Any county obligation for payment to DHS of the nonfederal share of the cost of services provided under the Medicaid program prior to July 1, 2012, is required to remain at the amount billed through the period ending June 30, 2013. Any adjustments that occur on or after July 1, 2013, are to be applied to the appropriation made for the Medicaid program.

- A legislative intent section addresses funding appropriated 8 to DHS for FY 2013-2014, to support the costs of non-Medicaid
- 9 mental health and disability services provided by counties.
- 10 DHS would be required to determine the financial need of
- 11 counties necessary to address the effects of the change from
- 12 determining financial responsibility for such services on the
- 13 basis of county of legal settlement to county of residence.
- 14 If the county of residence is part of a region that has been
- 15 approved by DHS to commence partial or full operations, the
- 16 DHS moneys would be remitted to the region for expenditure as
- 17 approved by the region's governing board.
- 18 This division takes effect upon enactment.
- 19 DATA AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE
- 20 MEASURES. This division relates to recommendations submitted
- 21 by the data and statistical information integration workgroup
- 22 and the outcomes and performance measures committee.
- 23 Current law is amended in Code section 225C.4, relating
- 24 to the duties of the DHS MH/DS division administrator, and
- 25 in Code section 225C.6A, relating to disability services
- 26 system redesign, to delineate requirements pertaining to
- 27 MH/DS state collection and management information systems
- 28 and outcome and performance data. These Code provisions
- 29 were previously amended by SF 2315. The bill incorporates
- 30 the SF 2315 amendments and adds new language and repeals
- 31 the SF 2315 amendments that would otherwise take effect on
- 32 July 1, 2013. For Code section 225C.4, the bill references
- 33 in the administrator's duties the specific new requirements
- 34 established by the bill in Code section 225C.6A. The new
- 35 requirements pertain to DHS implementation of a central data

- 1 repository, information exchange capacity, regular reporting
- 2 of individual information, data security, consultation with
- 3 regional staff, providers, and other stakeholders, engaging
- 4 with other data systems, outcome and performance measure
- 5 domains, use of surveys, evaluation of both regional and
- 6 Medicaid services, provision of data to the public via an
- 7 internet-based approach with graphical information, and
- 8 inclusion of significant costs associated with the data and
- 9 measures in the DHS budget.
- 10 CHILDREN'S CABINET. This division relates to the
- 11 recommendations submitted by the children's disability
- 12 workgroup to create a children's cabinet.
- New Code section 242.1 lists legislative findings as to the
- 14 need for the children's cabinet. The needs identified are
- 15 to provide guidance, oversight, problem solving, long-term
- 16 strategy development, and collaboration among the state and
- 17 local efforts to build a comprehensive, coordinated system to
- 18 promote the well-being of the children in this state and to
- 19 address the needs of children for mental health treatment and
- 20 other specialized services.
- 21 New Code section 242.2 provides for appointment of members
- 22 to the children's cabinet. The director of the department of
- 23 human services (DHS) or the director's designee is to be the
- 24 chairperson of the cabinet and appoint up to three additional
- 25 members to the cabinet, and DHS is required to staff the
- 26 cabinet. Various state agencies are identified for membership
- 27 along with community stakeholders. Four members of the
- 28 general assembly are required to be appointed to serve in an
- 29 ex officio, nonvoting capacity.
- New Code section 242.3 delineates the duties of the
- 31 children's cabinet, including the recommendation of operating
- 32 provisions for health homes for children and the practices
- 33 utilized by other aspects of the service systems for children.
- 34 The children's cabinet is required to report annually by
- 35 December 15 to the governor, general assembly, and supreme

- 1 court providing findings and recommendations and issue other
- 2 reports as deemed necessary by the cabinet.
- 3 A temporary provision provides for appointment of
- 4 approximately half of the initial voting members of the
- 5 children's cabinet other than department heads to two-year
- 6 terms in order to stagger the terms.